

JAMES G. BLAINE HOUSE

Capitol and State Streets, Augusta

This expansive frame house served as the home of James G. Blaine for more than 30 years after he purchased it in 1862. Blaine was Speaker of the House of Representatives, twice a senator, twice secretary of state, and an unsuccessful presidential candidate in 1884. His forte was foreign affairs, and he helped establish the Pan-American Union in 1890. In 1919, the State of Maine obtained the house and renovated it as the governor's mansion, a purpose for which it is still used today. The house is open to the public for tours.